

Claim 13 has the same features as Claim 12, with additional features. Because Claim 13 has the same features as Claim 12, Claim 13 is allowable for the same reasons set forth above with respect to Claim 12.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

III. CONCLUSIONS & MISCELLANEOUS

For the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if such contact would further the examination of the present application.

A petition for extension of time for two (2) months, and otherwise to the extent necessary to make this reply timely filed, is hereby made. A law firm check for the petition for extension of time fee is enclosed herewith. If any applicable fee is missing or insufficient, throughout the pendency of this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any applicable fees and to credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

Respectfully submitted,

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